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ACTION: Amembassy TEL AVIV PRIORITY

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1. Congressional and public opinion incensed over Israeli attack on USS LIBERTY and resultant loss of life.

2. Ambassador Harman handed us note this morning confirming in writing GOI willingness compensate and apologize for accident for which they expressed great regret. We plan give firm note protest ~~and~~ expressing view incident grew out of gross negligence and indicating our ~~ex~~ expectation disciplinary action will be taken by GOI as well as preventive action taken assure no repetition such incident.

3. In conversation with Under Secretary this morning, Ambassador Harman was informed great U.S. concern over incident for which we can find no satisfactory explanation and our intention submit firm note as indicated above.

4. In conversations in Tel Aviv, suggest you take consistent line informing them in your discretion that note will be forthcoming through GOI Embassy Washington.

5. Text both notes will be sent separately.

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END RUSK

The Under Secretary

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